

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting an interview with Applicant's representative, Dominic Lindauer, on December 20, 2007.

During the interview, Applicant's representative presented arguments distinguishing the claims from the cited references. In particular, Applicant's representative pointed out with regards to the § 102 rejection the failure of the Richter reference to teach "retrieving a cached media topology" as well as "copying one or more nodes including state information from the cached media pipeline" as presently recited in claim 1.

With respect to the § 103 rejection, Applicant's representative also discussed how McNally fails to remedy Richter's acknowledged deficiency to teach "cloning a plurality of connected nodes" as recited in claim 6.

Several proposed clarifying claim amendments were also discussed during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant herein amends independent claims 1, 10, and 20 in the manner discussed during the interview.

Claims 1-29 are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.